

## Update on California Sustainable Freight Strategy

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In January, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) launched the development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy (Strategy) with the goal of releasing a draft strategy in December 2014. Over the last year, ARB has met with over 220 companies, associations, organizations, and agencies to seek their input on the objectives of a sustainable freight system, and key public and private actions needed to meet those objectives. Some stakeholders have provided recommendations on specific objectives for the future freight system, and actions to achieve them. Others have shared ideas on analyses and process, such as coordinated State Freight Plans.

After this extensive consultation, ARB has decided to modify our development process. ARB is working closely with other state and local agencies to shift from *coordinating* on multiple freight plans to instead *integrating* the State's freight planning. We have also concluded that the most effective way to advance our air quality mission is to develop an initial document that describes ARB's vision and options for a clean freight system.

Staff will develop this document over the next several months, building on what we have learned through the technology and fuels assessments, and the stakeholder input received on the Strategy. The document will identify both regulatory and voluntary levers to accomplish a zero/near-zero emission freight system, based on what we know so far. It will articulate outstanding questions on technology, infrastructure, and economics that need to be addressed in 2015. And it will include near-term actions for 2015 to further reduce the health risk in communities near freight hubs.

In order to accomplish these objectives, staff will not provide an update on the Sustainable Freight Strategy to the Board in December. Instead, ARB will release a draft document in Spring 2015 that will facilitate focused follow-up discussions with other agencies and stakeholders on efficiency-related strategies and options to meet our emission reduction needs. For the December 2014 Board meeting, the update on the technology assessments, in which ARB is examining the range of potential technologies that can be used to achieve very large reductions in air pollution and greenhouse gases, will proceed as planned.

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For further information on the Sustainable Freight Strategy, visit:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfti.htm>.

For further information on the technology and fuels assessment, visit:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/tech/tech.htm>